

Remarks

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claim 1 and 2 stand rejected. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended and Claims 3-8 are new. The amendments to Claims 1 and 2 find support on page 33 of the Specification. New Claim 3 restates a limitation deleted from Claim 1. New Claims 5-8 find support on pages 21-33. For these reasons the amendments and new claims do not add new matter.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the specification under MPEP §608.01(b). The Specification has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being unpatentable over USPN 5,175,854 issued to Cheung. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to require the following limitations:

- (a) providing a distributed application having parent and child components, the parent component being served by a first server and the child component being served by a second server;
- (b) specifying a link to the child component on the second server using a linked application form in the parent component;
- (c) supplying the child component with a context identifying the parent component and the first server; and
- (d) defining, using an exit form and the generated context, a flow that returns from the child component and continues in the parent component.

Cheung is directed to providing "an interface arrangement for interfacing between applications to facilitate calling of applications while using other applications and transfer of data between applications." Cheung, col. 1, lines 10-13.

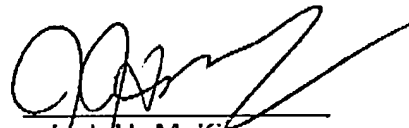
Cheung does not teach providing a distributed application that has a parent component served by one server and a child component served by a second server as required by the first limitation above. Cheung does not teach supplying the child component with a context identifying the parent component as required by the third limitation above. Thus, Cheung cannot be said to teach the fourth limitation that requires using an exit form and the context to define a flow that returns from the child component and continues in the parent component.

For these reasons, Claims 1 and 2 are felt to distinguish over Cheung. New Claims 3-8 require limitations similar to those in Claims 1 and 2 and are also felt to distinguish over Cheung.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 through 8 define allowable subject matter. The Examiner is requested to indicate the allowability of all claims in the application and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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